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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN MINISTER BLAMES US FOR TIN PRICE

DEPRESSION

1. THE SEPTEMBER 17 EDITION OF "EL DIARIO" GIVES FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO UPI STORY ON MINISTER OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION LECHIN'S SPEECH AT CIES MEETING IN WASHINGTON UNDER HEADLINE STATING BOLIVIA BLAMES U.S. FOR DEPRESSION OF TIN PRICES (BOLIVIA ACUSO A EEUU POR DEPRESION EN PRECIOS DEL ESTANO). THE ARTICLE REPORTS LECHIN AS HAVING ATTACKED THE U.S. SALE OF 40,000 TONS OF ITS TIN RESERVES BETWEEN MID 1973 AND THE END OF 1974 AND OF CLAIMING THAT, WITH THE QUANTITY STILL AVAILABLE IN U.S. RESERVES, THE GSA CAN BY ONLY THREATENING TO DISPOSE OF ITS STOCKS PREVENT ALL "POSITIVE" TIN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS UNTIL THE YEAR 2000. LECHIN IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THOSE RESERVES, THE INTERNATIONAL TIN COMMISSION WILL NEVER CEASE TO BE A PRETENCIOUS PLAYTHING.(AL LADO DE ESAS RESERVAS, EL CONSEJO INTERNATIONAL DEL ESTANO NO PASARA NUNCA DE SER UN PRETENCIOSO JUGUETE).

2. EMBASSY WISHES TO KNOW IF DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE AT CIES FORUM HAS ALREADY REPLIED TO OR PLANS TO REBUT LECHIN STATEMENT AND, IF SO, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING  
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